# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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Resource Crunch in ICMR
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that bio medical research projects being conducted in all the scientific organizations of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) had been affected owing to resource crunch;

(b) if so, the reasons for not allocating desired funds for the scientific organizations of the ICMR in the last three years;

(c) whether in the absence of sufficient funds, the scientific organisations of the ICMR are using outdated equipment and facility and are unable to be globally competitive; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure availability of sufficient funds to the organisation?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a) to (c): The allocation of funds to ICMR is based on the approved budgetary provisions, against the demands projected by the ICMR for various research activities. The allocations (BE) during the last years is as follows:
(Rs. in cr.)

| Year | Plan | Non Plan | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2013-14 | 531.00 | 272.00 | 503.00 |
| 2014-15 | 531.00 | 281.67 | 812.67 |
| 2015-16 | 568.17 | 295.00 | 863.17 |

Though higher allocations could have enabled the ICMR to strengthen their research infrastructure and plan for more activities, the allocated funds have been utilised for the scientific activities of its various research institutes. The ICMR Institutes have standard equipments and within the available resources, significant achievements have been made by the ICMR in Translational Research, development of indigenous technologies, funding of extra mural projects, etc.
(d): In response to the projections made by the Department, an allocation of Rs.894.00 crores (Rs. 610.00 cores under Plan and Rs.284.00 under Non Plan) has been made for ICMR during the year 2016-17.